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STORY & WITCHES

Rinko Kisaragi

With verse 1 in the power of mental link, she has long studied the dark arts but never dreamed she'd be able to spells that were this evil ... however, that might be enough!

Yunagi Mido/ Nagisa Mido

Mahiro Ogata

She's called the "nameless witch," invincible. But her heart can still break, and she's been silent since a battle which it was her assistants, and she, who suffered.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Private detective Makoto Hirasaka was hired to find a "real live Wiccan witch" by riding a certain city bus in its final stop. Although Makoto was sure his special powers would give him an edge, the bus soon crashed, and he learned that every single passenger was some kind of witch. Lost in the mountains, Makoto and the mysterious young ladies discovered that the place was teeming with "witch homes," all responding to an internal invitation to come kill all the stranded witches. Now a simple assignment has become a deadly fight for survival.

Chiaki Kiriyu

Her psychic powers helped a series of female exorcists, including her own daughter, at the hands of the ruthless hunters. But does that power somehow continue its sparkle even from the hereafter?

Midori Kusagami

A Tarot card reader of great renown, she was separated from Makoto and the others in the wake of the accident, and their whereabouts are currently unknown.

Makoto Hirasaka

They say this young [illegible] eye, signed a contract with the dark side. Maybe that's why he finds himself in this drastic situation. Lives depend on his ability to keep his cool, keep the group together, and stand up to the forces of evil!

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Spirit Mediums
Yunagi and
Nagisa Mido
STOP THE SPELL RINKO PLEASE...!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY... I HAVE TO DO IT...!
DEFEAT THE POWERS OF DARKNESS BY CASTING A SPELL OF MY OWN...!!
Incantation
Expert
Rinko
Kisaragi

WHISH-WHOOSH-WHISPER-WAIL
WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHERE ARE WE?
WONDERFUL PERFECT. AND THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EASY MONEY
"Woundless
Witch"
Mihiro
Ogata
Private
Detective
Makoto
Hirasaka

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OHH...
I IM'ED MY PALS AND WE WENT UP TO BAG US SOME WITCHES.
I REMEMBER NOW— THAT WITCH HUNT WEBSITE
WAIT... YES.
WHY AM I LYING LIKE THIS? WHY CAN'T I MOVE?

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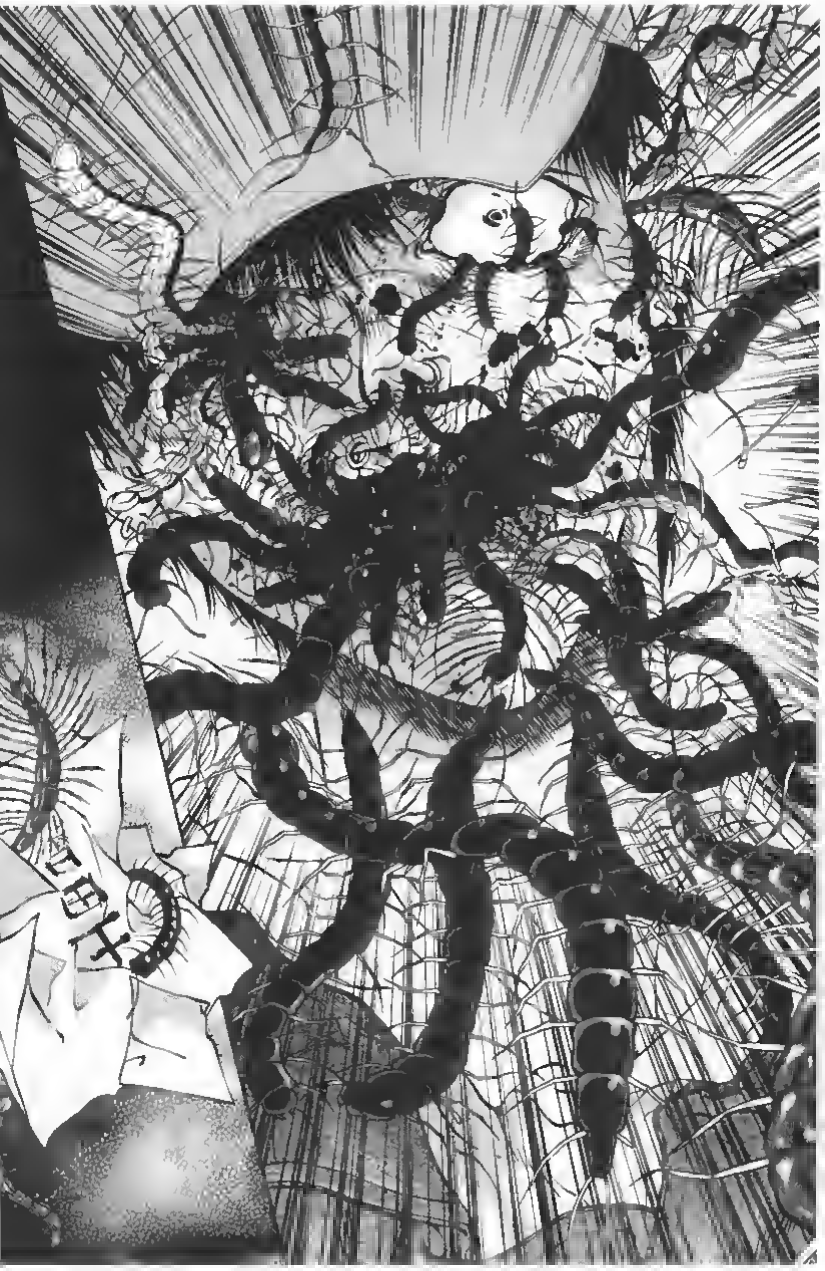

SHE REALLY WAS A WITCH!
AGG!
P-PUK!
BUAP!
WHEN I SUDDENLY DISCOVERED...
I GOT MINE... AND I WAS ALL SET TO SAMPLE THE BEST PARTS.

THERE. THE HUNTERS HAVE BECOME THE PREY.
NAGISA!
IT'S AW-FULLLLL!!
TAKE IT EASY! WE CAST THAT SPELL!
I KNOW, YUNAGI. BUT...SUCH HORRID EVIL POWER!
WAIT! NAGISA!
PANT
PANT

ガチガチ

WHAT? YOU MEAN WE HAVE TO STAY HERE?
UNTIL SOMEONE CALLS FOR US?
YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE, CAN'T YOU? EVEN FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE.
BUT WHO'S GOING TO CALL?

NO, NAGISA!
WE SHOULDN'T SCORN WITCHES... WHEN THAT MAY BE JUST WHAT YOU AND I ARE!
DON'T THINK LIKE THAT. REMEMBER THAT WE SEE AND HEAR THE DEAD.
TELL US, CHIAKI!
DOES THAT MEAN WE'LL BE KILLED IN THE WITCH HUNT?

SUCH AN AWFUL UNBELIEVABLE THING?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON COULD DO THIS?
AND THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SIX MORE WITCHES.
BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVEN ONE!

AAH!
SHE... THEY...
SWARM!

OKAY. EAST. THAT'S THIS WAY.
I GUESS IT'S NO PICNIC FOR THOSE WITCHES, EITHER
OH, MAGIC MIRRORS, I NEED YOU NOW.
CHA
NAMPHAMETON
PIMEUMATO

I THINK THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF HELPLESS SCHOOLGIRLS . WITH SICK, TWISTED KILLERS HUNTING THEM DOWN.
OW, THAT HURTS.

OF FAIR AND FOUL, COME NOW TO ME.
OH, GREAT HIGH ONE, I CALL FOR THEE.
MASTER OF ALL, OF WOE AND MIRTH...
AND PULL THESE HUNTERS FROM THIS EARTH...
YOU'RE NEVER TO CALL ON THE GREAT SPIRIT PURSON FOR ANSWERS TO YOUR OWN PROBLEMS.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MAKOTO?

ALL SECRET POWERS THAT HIDE IN THE LAND, ARISE, GREAT DARK PURSON, UPON MY COMMAND.
PURSON, EMPEROR OF HELL, I SUMMON YOU. STAND!

YOU MEAN MY DADDY?
THAT LEFT ME TO FALL INTO THE WORLD OF WITCHES!
THE SOUL THAT LEFT ME WITH THIS YOUNG ONE INSIDE ME?
YOU KNOW WHERE MY DADDY IS?
I WANT TO KNOW, TOO.
WHEN ARE WE GOING, MOMMY?
ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HIM?
WE'RE NOT, MAKOTO.

WHEN I'M GONE, YOU'LL INHERIT MY CONTRACT WITH THE OTHER WORLD. BUT YOU'RE NOT TO ASK HIS HELP.
BUT WHY, MOMMY?
THAT KNOWLEDGE HOLDS NO KINDNESS FOR MORTALS. IT BRINGS ONLY SUFFERING.
TERRIBLE TRUTHS...AND CRUELTIES THAT HUMANKIND WAS NEVER MEANT TO UNDERSTAND
BECAUSE THE GREAT DEMON PURSON KNOWS ALL
OH, GREAT PURSON, WHERE IS THAT SOUL?

OR WILL THE REAL WITCH SAVE HERSELF?
WHY AM I HERE? TO SAVE SOMEONE?
OR ARE THEY ALL WITCHES?
A WITCH AMONG WITCHES!
AND WAS THIS ALWAYS PLANNED TO BE ONE BIG KILL FEST?

YOU'LL BE HAPPIER NOT KNOWING!
YOU'RE NEVER TO-GO.
NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR WITCHES WITH ALL THESE WITCH HUNTERS?
I NEED YOU TO FIND THIS WITCH.
I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO MY OLD PEACEFUL LIFE, DAMMIT.

PRIMUMETON
WHAT HAVE I JUST DONE? I STEPPED OVER TO THE DARK SIDE.
HEY! WAIT!

I KNOW WE'RE NOT REALLY FRIENDS
AND YOU'RE NOT OBLIGATED TO SAVE US POOR MORTALS
BUT IF FOR SOME REASON YOU'RE GOING TO PROTECT ME...
PURSON, I SUMMON YOU.
WHA--? IT'S HER MAHIRO...

WHAT? OH, I...
YOU FOUND YOUR VOICE AGAIN.
I'M A PRIVATE EYE, SO I'VE MADE A LIVING WITH THAT SKILL.
PEOPLE CALL ME A WITCH, TOO BECAUSE I ALWAYS FIND WHO I'M LOOKING FOR.
IT.. IT'S NOT THE SAME.
I THINK THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A MOUNTAIN.
SO DO YOU WANT TO HEAR WHAT I THINK'S HAPPENING?

GET BACK! STAY AWAY FROM ME!
WHY DOESN'T MAHIRO EVER GET HURT?!
STRANGE!
BIZARRE!
SHE SEEMS INVINCIBLE!
TRULY A WITCH!
I'M DANGEROUS, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?! YOU HAVE TO KEEP AWAY!
I'M THE WITCH WHO NEVER GETS HURT! BUT EVERYONE WHO COMES NEAR ME DOES!
SAY, DO YOU NOTICE SOMETHING?

AFTER ALL, IT'S GOT YOU SCARED, RIGHT?
YOU MEAN, YOUR INJURY, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF ME?

IT'S LIKE A BEACON DRAWING ALL THE CRAZY, KILLER HUNTERS
ELEVEN NUTJOBS TRYING TO TAKE US DOWN!
THEY CALL THEMSELVES "WITCH HUNTERS," AND THEY'VE GOT ONE GREAT WEAPON ON THEIR SIDE-- OUR FEAR

AND MAKOTO THE DETECTIVE PROBABLY GOT A FOURTH.

MY NAME'S MAKOTO HIRASAKA, MISS MAHIRO OGATA, AND I'VE GOT THE POWER TO HEAL MY OWN WOUNDS.
POWER?
NO OBLIGATION, NO COMMITMENTS.
JUST, AS A FAVOR...
WE HAVE A LOT OF ALLIES HERE.
YES. LIKE YOU. AND IT'LL GET US BACK.

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
THEY'RE WITCHES..
YOU OKAY? HEY! WHAT HAPPENED? YOU FALL?!
HUH?
WHAT?
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WAIT...!
"HERE, TAKE THIS..."
...WEAPON?
CAST A SPELL!

CAST THE SPELL!
WHEN A WITCH GETS ANGRY, SHE FINDS A WAY!!

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A LOT OF SPELLS FLYING ON THIS MOUNTAIN.
WHAT THESE BOYS HAVE ISN'T GOING TO KILL THEM.
OH...
UNNN ...

BUT THEY'RE SUFFERING I SUPPOSE I SHOULD

IS ANYONE STILL INSIDE?

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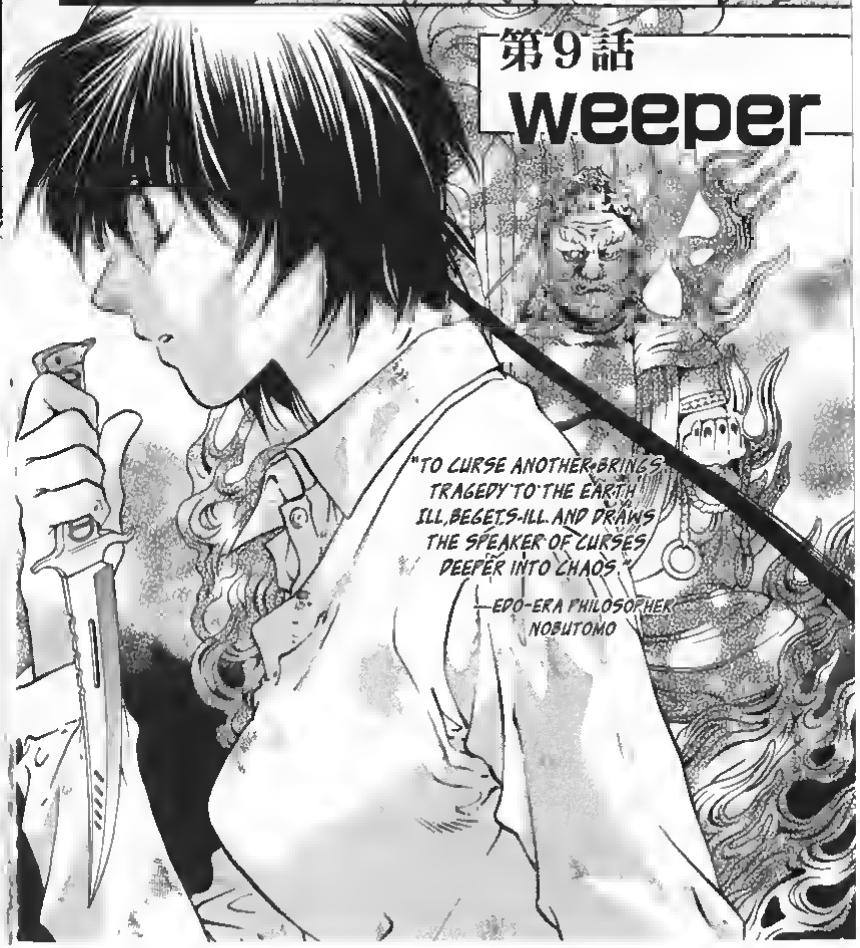

"TO CURSE ANOTHER BRINGS TRAGEDY TO THE EARTH. ILL BEGETS ILL AND DRAWS THE SPEAKER OF CURSES DEEPER INTO CHAOS."
—EDO-ERA PHILOSOPHER NOBUTOMO

IT WAS LONG AGO WHEN I FIRST ENCOUNTERED SUCH THINGS. I WAS ONLY FIVE.
IT'S MOMMY!
Dhn Drikirity May-lity.
...May-wayah Shima-lay Sowakah.
MOMMY!
THUD!

I CAN ONLY REVERSE IT WITH PART OF THE ONE WHO CAST IT.
OR SOMETHING THAT THEY ONCE OWNED
OH! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE CAUGHT IN A VOODOO SPELL.
OWWW...
I'VE BEEN CARRYING THE KNIFE FOR A WHILE, BUT IT'LL BE MORE INFUSED WITH THE SPIRIT OF IT'S FORMER OWNER.
THE PERSON WHO USED IT TO BUTCHER POOR KIRIYU.
OOOHHH

Dhn Drikirity May-lity May-wayah Shima-lay Sowakah...

CALL HIM... THE OLD MAN...
DADDY, CAN'T YOU HELP HER?
YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! OR ELSE
FROM MONONOBE VILLAGE... WE'VE GOT TO GET TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM
I'D NEVER MET MY PATERNAL GRANDFATHER BEFORE.
MONONOBE VILLAGE...?!
POP, YOU CAN'T DO THIS HERE! THIS IS A HOSPITAL!

MOMMY?!
DOCTOR, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY WIFE? HOW DID SHE GET THIS WAY?
IT'S ..IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY.
AND WE CAN'T FIND ANY WAY TO STOP IT.
ALL THESE LACERATIONS, SO MUCH LOSS OF BLOOD.

LOOK AT THIS NOW A CHILD SHALL GUIDE. THEM. NOT LIKE HER ELDERS WHO LEFT BEHIND THE VILLAGE AND ITS WAYS. THIS YOUNG PRODIGY SEES TRUE.
WHAT DO YOU SEE, RINKO? TELL DADDY.
HUH?
A WOMAN. WITH LONG HAIR AND BIG EYES.

BUT PEOPLE TODAY DON'T BELIEVE IN SUCH THINGS!
BE QUIET! I'M CONJURING SPIRITS!
YOU CALL ME FROM MONONOBE VILLAGE, YOUR SHAMAN, YOUR FATHER, TO TELL ME THAT?
PLEASE, GRANDFATHER, HELP MY MOMMY...! SOMEONE WANTS TO KILL HER...!!

THEY'RE GOING TO TRAIN YOU
RINKO... I JUST HEARD FROM THE VILLAGE.
GOOD.

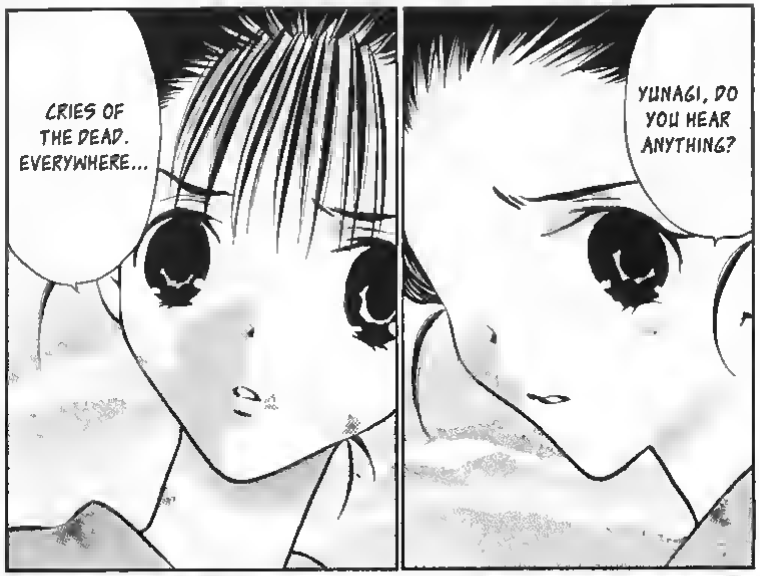
AND HANDS... AROUND MOMMY'S NECK...
squeeze
squeeze
MOTHER NEVER REALIZED.
THE WOMAN TURNED OUT TO BE MY FATHER'S LOVER.

ANICHA SOWAKAH!!
"OKAY, NOW WHAT?"
PAPER VOODOOS ARE EASY TO TEAR UP. BUT HOW TO DISPOSE OF A KNIFE?
DROWN IT IN THE WATER?
WIPE IT IN FROG BLOOD THEN BURY IT?
HOW BEST TO COMPLETE THE REVERSAL

I KNOW NOT WHO YOU ARE, NOT YOUR FACE OR YOUR NAME...!!
IF I'D KNOWN WHAT POWERS I COULD COMMAND, I MIGHT HAVE SAVED HER
IF I WERE TO STUDY THE DARK ARTS, I COULD USE THEM TO HELP PEOPLE ..
YES, AND THAT MAY BE THE REASON MOM DIED.
BUT I DON'T — THE WHOLE REASON I LEFT THE VILLAGE WAS TO GET AWAY FROM BLACK MAGIC
THOUGH, I MYSELF NOW CAST ONE
I'LL NEVER HAVE SYMPATHY FOR ANYONE WHO CASTS A SPELL!
Anichah Sowakah ..
Anchah Sowakah...
Anichah Sowakah...

OOF.
HEAVY.
HARD TO GET A FOOTING. I'LL SET YOU DOWN HERE AND COME BACK.
BUT HE'S...
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE ANYONE.
YOU MEAN... HE'S NOT ANOTHER HUNTER?

SOMEONE IS HERE! YOU OKAY?
WHAT WAS IT, AN ACCIDENT? WERE YOU WITH THE OTHERS?
I FOUND THESE GUYS DOWN BELOW I WAS JUST GOING TO BRING THEM TO MY CAR
SEE? STILL BREATHING.


CRIES OF THE DEAD. EVERYWHERE...
YUNAGI, DO YOU HEAR ANYTHING?

oooooooooHHHHHHHH!!!
THEY'RE COMING
CLOSER...
NO... OH NO...!

I JUST NEARLY BECAME A REAL WITCH...!!
gasp
AND...I WAS GOING TO..!
...pant...pant...no!
CRUMPLE
yAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!
Noooooooooooooo!!!!
AAAAAAAAoooooooHHHH!!!

NO! STAY AWAY! STAY AWAY!!
NOOOOO!!!
OOOOHHHHH!!
FOUND YOU!
HOOOOHH!!!

OOOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHHH!!
IT'S THEM...!!

HEY, COME ON! WAIT!

DON'T BE SCARED!
IF YOU COULD JUST LISTEN TO ME...! MY NAME'S...
TEPPEI TAKATSUKI ..?

ARE YOU TWO OKAY?!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
ANOTHER HUNTER?!?
NO! I'M NOT ONE OF THEM...
EEEEEEKKK!!!

THEY'RE TRYING ME IN WITH THEIR TENDER-SOUNDING WORDS...
AYU...!
MY SISTER AYU? YOU CAN SEE HER?
HER SPIRIT IS WITH ME?
THEY COULD BE BAITING ME, SETTING ME UP...
THESE MIGHT JUST BE REAL WITCHES.
SHE SAYS SHE LOVES YOU, EVEN NOW...
SHE WANTS YOU TO KNOW SHE'S SORRY. AND NOT TO MOURN.
YES, BUT...

WHY... YES.
HOW DO YOU TWO KNOW...?
YOU CAME TO FIND KUSANAGI THE READER AND HER FRIENDS
YOUR SISTER TOLD US THERE, BEHIND YOU.
ARE YOU GOING TO HELP US, TOO?
OOOOOHHHH...

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why

SORRY I KEPT YOU.
IN THIS MAD MOUNTAIN OF BLOOD AND CURSES AND DEATH... I WANT TO HOLD THOSE TENDER WORDS FOR COMFORT.
NOW COME ON, LET'S GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.
OR IS IT A CURSE?
IS THIS A BLESSING?

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TEMPORARY INSANITY. I'LL SAY YOU WEREN'T RIGHT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SATOKO. I'LL TESTIFY.
SHE'S DEAD.
WHAT NOW? I KILLED MIDORI...!
sniff
sniff
OF COURSE SHE'S DEAD. SERVES HER RIGHT.
IT'S WHAT SHE GETS FOR TRICKING US WITH HER LYING TAROT CARDS.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WHY YOU DIRTY TRAMP!
EEEEEK!
YEAH, BUT I DIDN'T PUT A ROCK TO HER HEAD. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED HER
YOU HIT HER TOO, YOU KNOW, NOT JUST ME.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WAIT! WHAT DID YOU--?
APOLOGIZE! FORTY MORE TIMES!
YOU HEARD ME, WITCHES! APOLOGIZE NOW!
AAAAHHH!!!

BLAM
SHUT UP! YOU SHOULD DIE, TOO!
GET OFF ME, YOU MURDERER!
WHAT THE--?
NOOO
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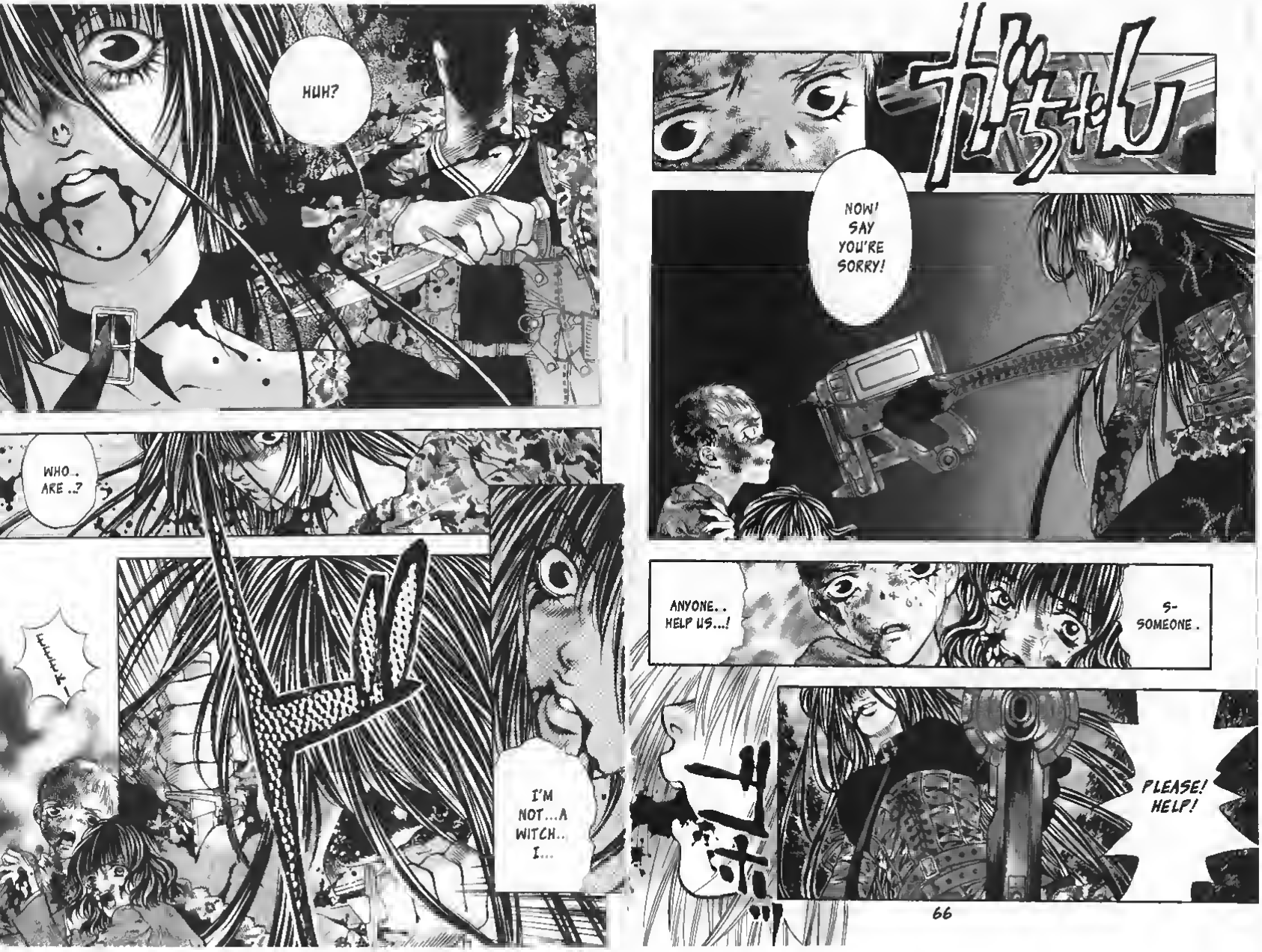
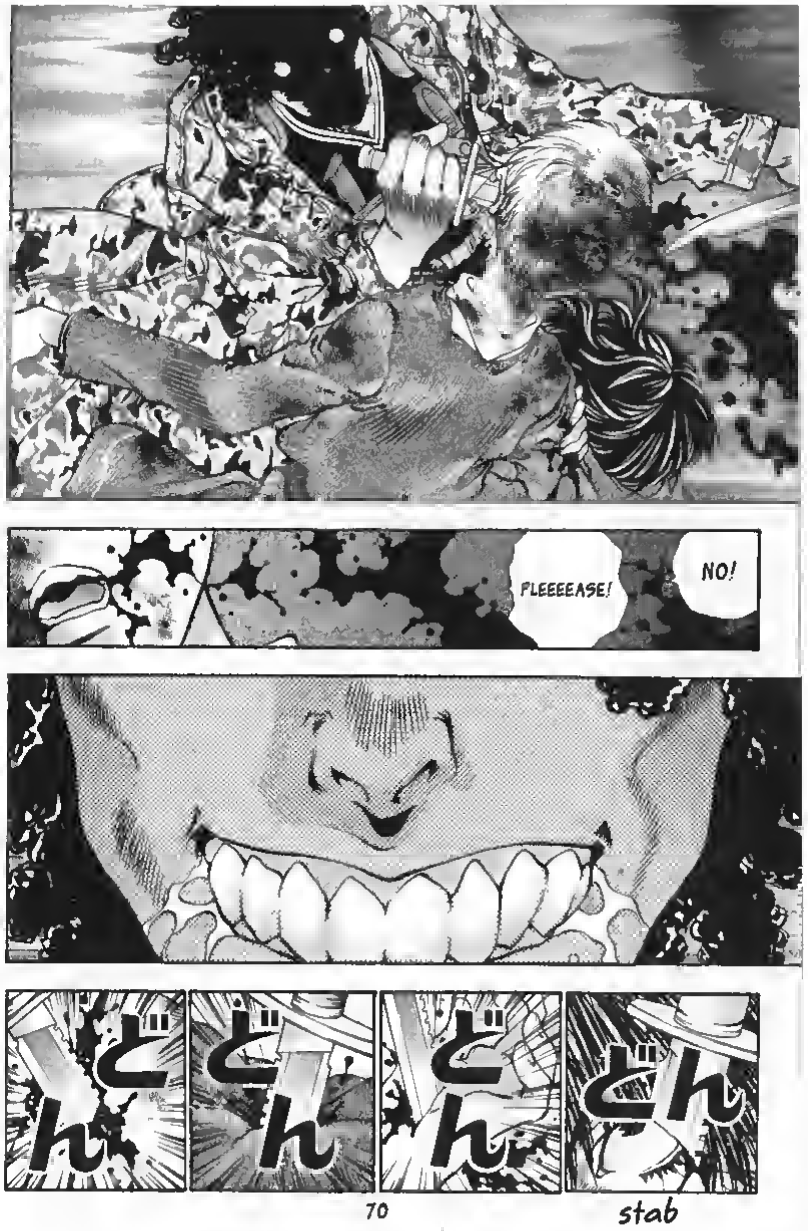

HUH?
WHO.. ARE..?
I'M NOT...A WITCH.. I...
NOW! SAY YOU'RE SORRY!
ANYONE.. HELP US...!
S-SOMEONE.
PLEASE! HELP!

SATOKO!
SATOKO!
?!

... hunter ....
I'm... ... another ...
Just
like
you...
TH-THANK YOU...! YOU SAVED US...

WA HA HA HA HA HA!!!
HEH.
HEH HEH HEH.


PLEEEEASE!
NO!
stab

TELL ME, WHEN DID THEY FIRST START CALLING YOU WITCH?
HOW CAN IT BE THAT YOU AREN'T AFRAID OF ME? DON'T YOU KNOW I'M A WITCH WHO STAYS UNHURT WHILE EVERYONE AROUND ME SUFFERS!
NOW LET'S GO. COME ON
HEY!
TWO YEARS AGO. THERE WAS A FIRE AT SCHOOL.

WHAT'S THIS?
A CIRCLE STONE. THAT'S LUCKY.
THESE ARE HARD TO FIND. A NATURALLY CIRCULAR GOOD LUCK STONE. IT'LL HELP US.

LOOK AT THAT!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A SURVIVOR!
TOO HOT ...!!!
IT STARTED IN COOKING CLASS.
OVER 29 GIRLS WERE TRAPPED...
IT'S SO HOT! MAHIRO!
HOW BAD ARE HER BURNS?
SHE... SHE'S NOT...
MIYAKO
Woo
Woo
Woo

AND I ASK MYSELF, WHY ONLY ME?
HEY, YEAH! A WITCH!
WHO YOU GOING TO KILL TODAY, WITCH?
I WONDERED WHY I DIDN'T DIE TOO.
IT ALMOST WISHED I'D BURNED UP WITH MIYAKO.
YIKES! BAD LUCK!

A MIRACLE A WICKED MIRACLE
AND NOT A MARK ON HER.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO SURVIVED.
WHAT?!
BECAUSE SHE WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED IT, MAYBE!
SHE'S PROBABLY A WITCH, RIGHT? YOU TRASH TALK HER AND SHE MIGHT JUST CURSE YOU, TOO!
LEAVE HER ALONE!

SO WE FIND OUT IF SHE IS OR NOT AND HAVE SOME FUN IN THE BARGAIN!
NO!
IF SHE'S A WITCH... THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA!
WAIT, GUYS! STOP!
STOP IT, PLEASE!!!
AND THEN?

HEY THERE, WITCH.
LOOKING FOR US, WITCH?
ZOOOOOO!!

pant
pant
pant
AAAAHH!
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!

NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS COVERED IN BLOOD. THEIR BLOOD.
THE ROOF CAVED IN AND KNOCKED EVERYONE OUT.
EXCEPT ME. AGAIN. I WAS UNHURT.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOYS.
MAYBE IT KILLED THEM. OR MAYBE THEY'RE STILL...

QUICK, LET'S GO! WE NEED TO LEAVE!
WHERE'D THEY COME FROM? AND WHY?
SO HOW'D THEY GET HERE? COULDN'T HAVE WALKED
I DON'T THINK THEY CAN EVEN MOVE ..
BUT WE CAN'T JUST...
AH, THE TWINS! GREAT! YOU GIRLS ARE OKAY!

WHAT'S UP WITH THIS MOUNTAIN? THERE'RE INJURED PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!
HELLO? ARE YOU OKAY?!
HUH...?!
WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY'RE HURT BAD.
THEY'RE WHAT?!
NO, TEPPEI! STOP! THEY'RE HUNTERS!!

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WAIT, PRIVATE EYE! HE'S NOT A HUNTER!
HE CAME HERE TO HELP US!
YEAH? HOW COME HE'S SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH A CROSSBOW, THEN?
BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE A HUNTER IS WHY!
URF!
NOPE. I'M ONE OF THE "WITCHES"! HAPPY?

MISSED YOU?!

SO, YOU CAME HERE TO AVENGE YOUR SISTER...BUT WOUND UP DECIDING TO SAVE WITCHES.
I SEE...
BUT THE TRICK IS SEPARATING THE REAL WITCHES FROM THE REAL KILLERS, ISN'T IT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT?
SECRETS ARE EASY TO READ WHEN YOU KNOW HOW TO UNLOCK THEM.
THAT'S THE KIND OF WITCH I AM.
AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT MAKES ME THE PERFECT SLEUTH FOR THIS CAPER.
SOMEHOW THAT LADY--THAT WITCH--KNEW AS MUCH WHEN SHE HIRED ME!

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A QUICK READ, IF YOU DON'T MIND.
THAT A PROBLEM FOR YOU, TEPPEI?
HOW COME... YOU KNOW MY NAME?

THESE GUYS OVER HERE ARE MESSED UP PRETTY BAD...

THEN WHAT ABOUT ME, MAKOTO?
WHAT'S MY SECRET? AM I A WITCH?
NOT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU DON'T KNOW YOURSELF
SORRY, I CAN ONLY READ THE ANSWERS YOU'RE HIDING.
I'M IMPRESSED. YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR WITCHCRAFT TO WORK.
SPEAKING OF WHICH..
TOO BAD.

THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ATTACKED ME IN THAT BUILDING...
I KNOW THESE BOYS NISHIWAKI AND HIS FRIENDS.!
WHO'D YOU SAY WAS MESSED UP?
...AND THEN THE CEILING COLLAPSED.
NOW THEY'VE COME FOR ME!
NO, REALLY! JUST A MINUTE AGO THEY WERE ALL UNCONSCIOUS...

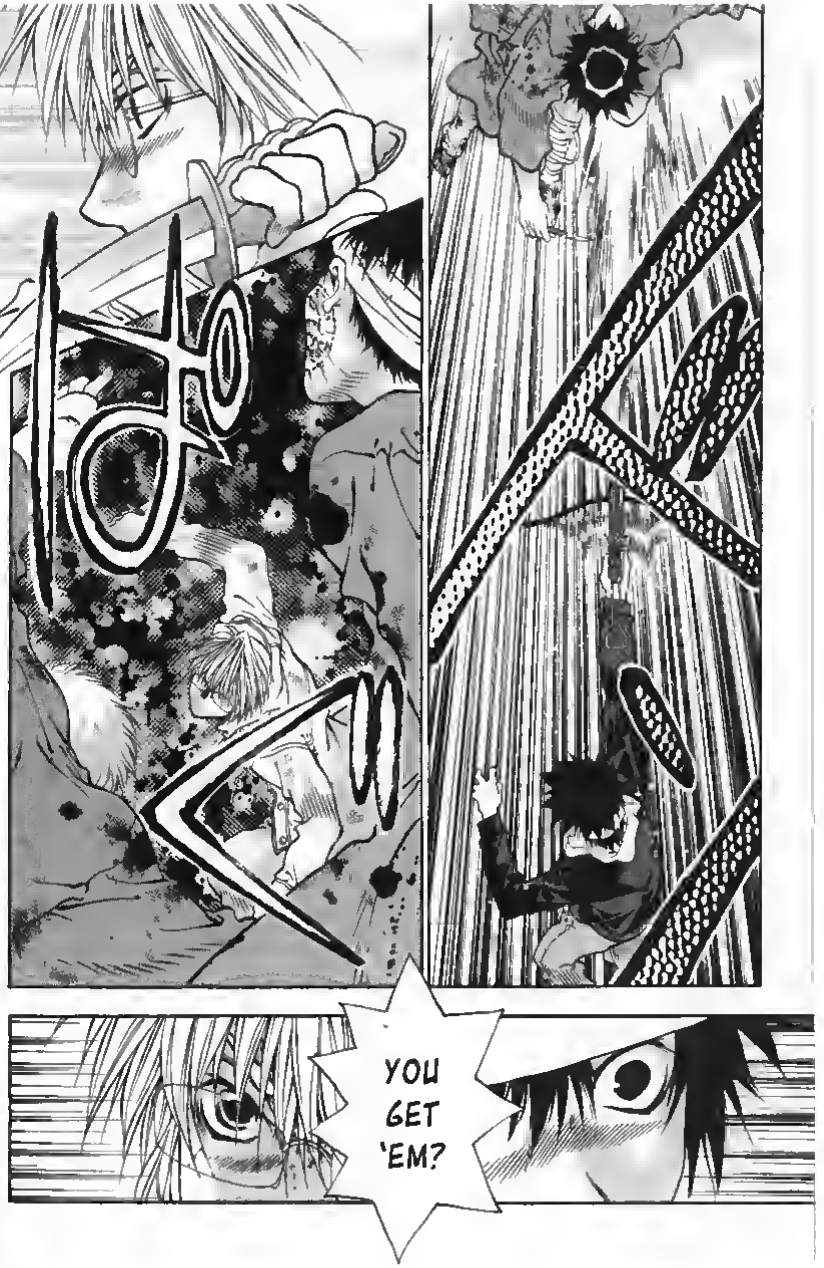
ENTRANCED? WITCH?
RUN! THEY'VE ALL BEEN ENTRANCED BY SOME KIND OF WITCH! THESE HUNTERS ARE BLACK MAGIC PUPPETS!!
THE SIXTH SIGIL OF JUPITER... FOR STEALTH AND ELUDING ENEMIES...
おくり

YOU NEED TO SHOOT!
YOU DON'T NEED TO GET IT!
A WITCH PUPPETEER?! I DON'T GET IT!
SHOOT 'EM TO PIECES, TEPPEI!

IT MEANS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE BLACK ARTS BRANDED THEM WITH THE SIXTH SIGIL OF JUPITER AND SEWED HER HAIR TO THEIR FACES
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, ENTRANCED PUPPETS ?!
THEY'RE UNDEAD SERVANTS OF EVIL! AND THEY'VE GOT THEIR SIGHTS SET ON US!
YIKES!
EEK!

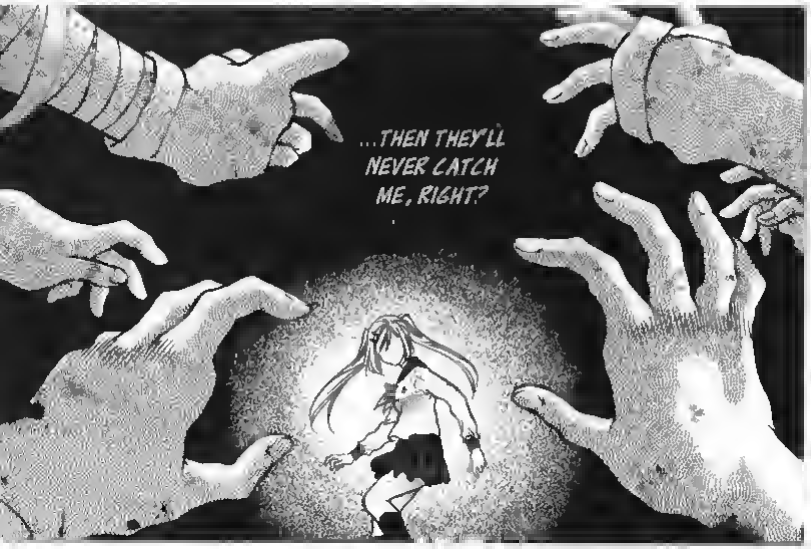
STOP TALKING TO ME LIKE YOU KNOW ME! AND LISTEN. I DON'T SHOOT AT PEOPLE WHO ARE UNARMED!
GRRT
HWEK
BESIDES, THEY MUST ALL HAVE BROKEN BONES!
THEY'RE--
AND THEY'RE FUKING THEIR GUTS OUT!
NOT THEIR GUTS. AND NOT SO UNARMED ANYMORE!
AW, SCREW IT!!

YOU MEAN TAKE THEIR HEADS OFF...? I CAN'T...!
BUT YOU NECK 'EM AND THEY'LL STOP MOVING.
YEAH, AND PROBABLY DON'T EVEN FEEL PAIN ANYMORE.
NO. THEY REALLY ARE UNDEAD!
YOU'D BETTER HOPE YOU CAN...! NOW!


YOU GET 'EM?

MAHIRO! QUICK, OVER HERE!
NO, THESE BOYS ARE AFTER ME!!
MAHIRO!

DAMMIT!
JUST AS GOOD! I WASN'T SURE YOU HAD IT IN YOU! GET THE OTHERS THE SAME WAY!
QUIT WITH THE ORDERS, OKAY?!

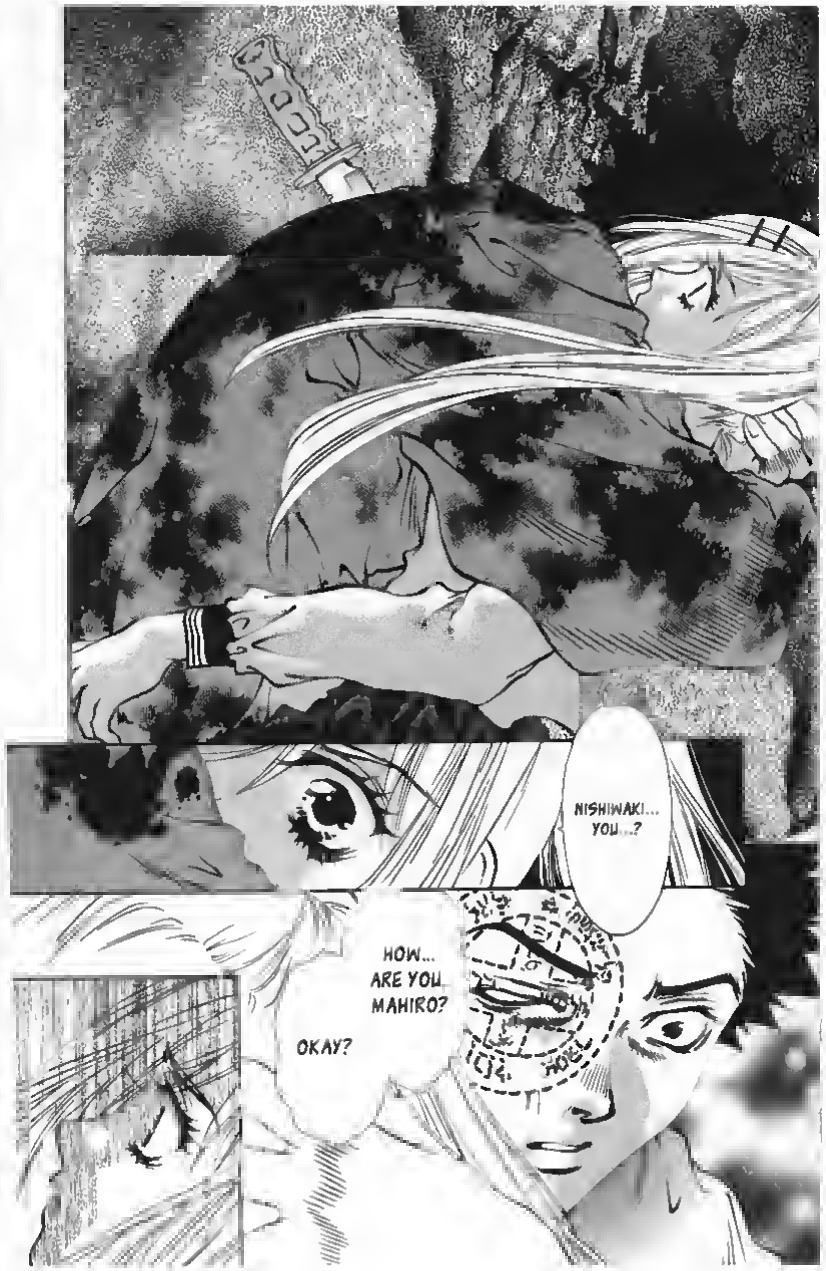


AND AT LEAST I'LL KNOW THAT IF NOTHING HAPPENS...

第12話
will-ó-the-wisp

EYES THAT REFLECT PURE MADNESS!
EYES FILLED WITH TERROR
FRIGHTENED EYES
AH!
DARK
HEH HEH
LOVELY EYES
VIOLENT...
HORRIFIC ...
SIMPLY EVIL...
WRETCHED..

WE OUGHT TO SHOW HER WHAT SHE SHOULD DO
I ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE ACTION.
SHE MUST HAVE NO FEELINGS AT ALL. A NORMAL GIRL WOULD SWITCH SCHOOLS
I ALWAYS WATCHED YOU, YOU KNOW.
OF COURSE. ALL I COULD DO WAS REPEAT THE RUMORS.
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE HER BE? YOU MESS WITH A WITCH, YOU'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE.
I TRIED TO THROW A LITTLE


NISHIWAKI... YOU...?
HOW... ARE YOU MAHIRO?
OKAY?

sob
sniff
snivel
HUH?
NOOOO!!!

I KNEW YOU THOUGHT ABOUT ENDING IT ALL
AND I WAS GOING TO TRY AND STOP YOU
YO, NISHIWAKI, WHAT UP?
LEAVE HER ALONE!!!
PLEEEAAASSSEEEE!!!

OH, NISHIWAKI ...!
MAHIKO, YOU OKAY?!

ARE YOU... OKAY...?
DID THEY... HURT YOU...?
SO..EVEN THAT DAY... NISHIWAKI WAS TRYING TO HELP ME..
BUT I... BUT INVINCIBLE ME...
NISHI-WAKI!!
NISHI-WAKI!!
NOOOOOOO!!!

KUSH KUSH KUSH

JUST STOPPP!!!
STOP!!!

YOU SEE... I WAS GOING TO KILL MYSELF.
I HAD A WIFE, A SON, BUT I LOST THEM IN A CAR CRASH
SOME PUNK KID DID IT, JUST GOT HIS LICENSE BUT HE CAME FROM AN INFLUENTIAL FAMILY.
KID'S PROBABLY GOT A FUTURE IN POLITICS.
LITTLE BASTARD WALKS INTO TRAFFIC COURT AND HE'S OUT THE SAME DAY.
BUT MY WIFE AND CHILD? THEY'VE GOT NO FUTURE AT ALL!!

YOU SURE YOU WOULDN'T RATHER TAKE MY HAND?
NO. THANKS.
I GUESS YOU'RE WONDERING. . .WHY I'M HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE
N.. NO...
BUT FOR SOME REASON...
...TOUCHING HIS HAND...IT SCARED ME.
WHY AM I ACTING LIKE THIS? HE'S JUST BEING NICE.

YOU HELPED HIM, DIDN'T YOU? THE ELDEST SON OF THE SAKAUCHI FAMILY?
YES, MASTER
THUS, YOU MAY JOIN ME IN A TASK I MUST PERFORM. A PRAYER FOR THE SICK
AND NOW RINKO... YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR APPRENTICESHIP
IT WAS YOUR FIRST BEELZIAD HOUSE CALL, RIGHT?

NO, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW RIGHT YOU ARE
I DON'T KNOW I'M SORRY THAT'S HARDLY CONSOLATION
BUT...
THAT'S SO FINAL! AND... EVEN IF LIFE'S PAINFUL, WE CAN ALWAYS FIND A WAY.
TO KILL YOURSELF
YOU SEE, IN SUICIDAL DESPERATION, I DID FIND A WAY.
IT'S CALLED... WITCHCRAFT.
おおおお

I DIDN'T SEND THAT CURSE BACK.
I JUST EXORCISED THE DEMONS.
YOU CHASED AWAY THE ONE LAST THING I HAD TO LIVE FOR
I KNOW. THEY WERE MY DEMONS. I'D WORKED HARD TO PUT THEM THERE.
坂内
Sakauchi
HE'S IN HERE.
YOU WERE PRACTICED NOW IN THE ART OF MITEGURA: GUIDING THE HAND OF THE HIGHER POWERS.
YOU WENT ARMED WITH INCANTATIONS FOR THE AFFLICTED— CALLS TO SPIRITS OF THE DEAD, AND GREAT CURSES AND SPELLS.
POWERS YOU DECIDED YOU WOULD USE TO REVERSE THE MAGIC.
YOU'D BE A DARK ARTS CRUSADER. SHIELDING THE SO-CALLED INNOCENT AND SENDING CURSES BACK THE WAY THEY CAME.

LET'S SEE...I THINK I LEFT THEM AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE
OH, AND SORRY TO RUIN YOUR RESCUE WITH THOSE THREE GUYS
I COULDN'T BELIEVE THE SORCERER WHO'D CRUSHED ME WAS JUST A YOUNG SCHOOLGIRL
WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF DISPLAYING YOUR TALENTS.
W-WAIT!
I GOT A PHONE CALL. SAID I'D FIND MY NEMESIS UP HERE
H-HOW DID YOU—? WHO TOLD YOU WHERE I—?
THEY SAID THEY'D WAIT
YOU... THEY...
YAAAAHH!!!

I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE HALF-CURSED
A CLEAN KILL'S A LOT MORE CHARITABLE
...THAN TO LET SOMEONE GO SLOW AND PAINFUL—LIKE THIS.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO CAST A SPELL... THEN CAST THE DAMNED SPELL.

I SAID I'D HELP THEM. I EASED THEIR SUFFERING.
NOT EXACTLY
YOU TOLD ME THEY WERE STILL ALIVE!
UNLIKE SOME HALF-ASSED SCHOOLGIRL SCATTERING SPIRITS AWAY, I FINISHED WHAT WAS STARTED. GOT THE JOB DONE.
THAT YOU WERE TAKING THEM TO THE HOSPITAL!
AND I'D CALL THAT MERCIFUL.

第13話
wild cat

WAS THAT A LIE? A "MERCIFUL" LIE?
YOU SAID YOU WERE TAKING ME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!
THAT MAKES TWO GRAVES— ONE APIECE!
OH, WE'RE GOING DOWN BOTH OF US BECAUSE EVERY CURSE LEAVES TWO HOLES
HE'S A WITCH HUNTER!!
第12話 完

AKIO.
MY POOR SWEET CHILD.
PLEASE, YOU CAN'T! YOU MUSTN'T!
SOMEONE HELP ME SAVE THEM
I'M THE VICTIM HERE, GET IT?
C'MON, MAN! IT WASN'T MY FAULT! THAT LADY AND HER BRAT JUMPED IN FRONT OF ME
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE ALONE

ANOTHER WAS THE SOUND OF MY SON'S VOICE.
YOU'RE FUNNY, DADA!
OH, ISN'T DADDY SILLY!
ONE THING THAT ALWAYS MADE ME HAPPY WAS MY WIFE'S SMILE.

I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you!

I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you I HATE you!

THE POOR SAKANAI BOY. HE CAME DOWN WITH SOME STRANGE DISEASE
HEE HEE!
I LAUGHED AND LAUGHED AND LAUGHED
AND THEN IT HAPPENED. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I LOST THEM...

AND I THOUGHT: THERE IS MERCY IN THE WORLD.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
BUT THEN YOU GOT IN THE WAY.
SOME KIND OF SPELL TO SAVE MY SON?
PLEASE CAN YOU DO SOMETHING?
YOU BROKE MY VOODOO. YOU SAVED THE SCUMBAG.
AND FOR THAT I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!!!

A HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA!
HE HE HA HA HA!
"YOU'RE FUNNY, DADA."
"OH, ISN'T DADDY SILLY..."

Oh...
He...
He...
NO! STOP!
HELP ME, GODS OF ROCK AND RIVER, GODS WHO KNOW THE PATHS OF JOY
MAKE DEITIES OF SICKNESS FOUL RETRIEVE THEIR CURSES FROM THIS BOY
YOU CHASED ALL THAT SICKNESS OUT... AND BACK TO ME!!
IF YOU'RE BREAKING A SPELL

Oh!
Oh!
Oh!
Oh!
Oh!
I LEAVE BEHIND THE MORTAL SPHERE, DON PAPER WHITE FOR PASSAGE THROUGH.
PARTY OF SPIRITS, ADMIT ME HERE AND WHAT I SAY, PLEASE, SPIRITS, DO
Oh.

RRR!
AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOUGH TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS IF YOU'D CRIED
YOU'RE A HARD ONE, LITTLE SCHOOLGIRL.
...RIGHT BACK TO ITS MAKER!
...SO I DON'T REVERSE IT BACK TO WHERE IT CAME FROM
NOW YOU PAY BIG TIME, YOU MEDDLING SHAMAN FOOL!
RETURN NOW, FOUL SPIRITS, TO THE LAND OF YOUR ORIGIN!!

YES? AND DID YOU EVER CONSIDER WHY SOMEONE TURNS TO BLACK MAGIC?! IT'S BECAUSE THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE LEFT!!
DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK THAT THOSE WHO GET SPELLS PUT ON THEM DESERVE IT?!
THAT THEY'RE THE GUILTY ONES? THE ONES WHO NEED TO BE PUNISHED?
WELL, YOU'VE JUST INHERITED THE PUNISHMENT!!

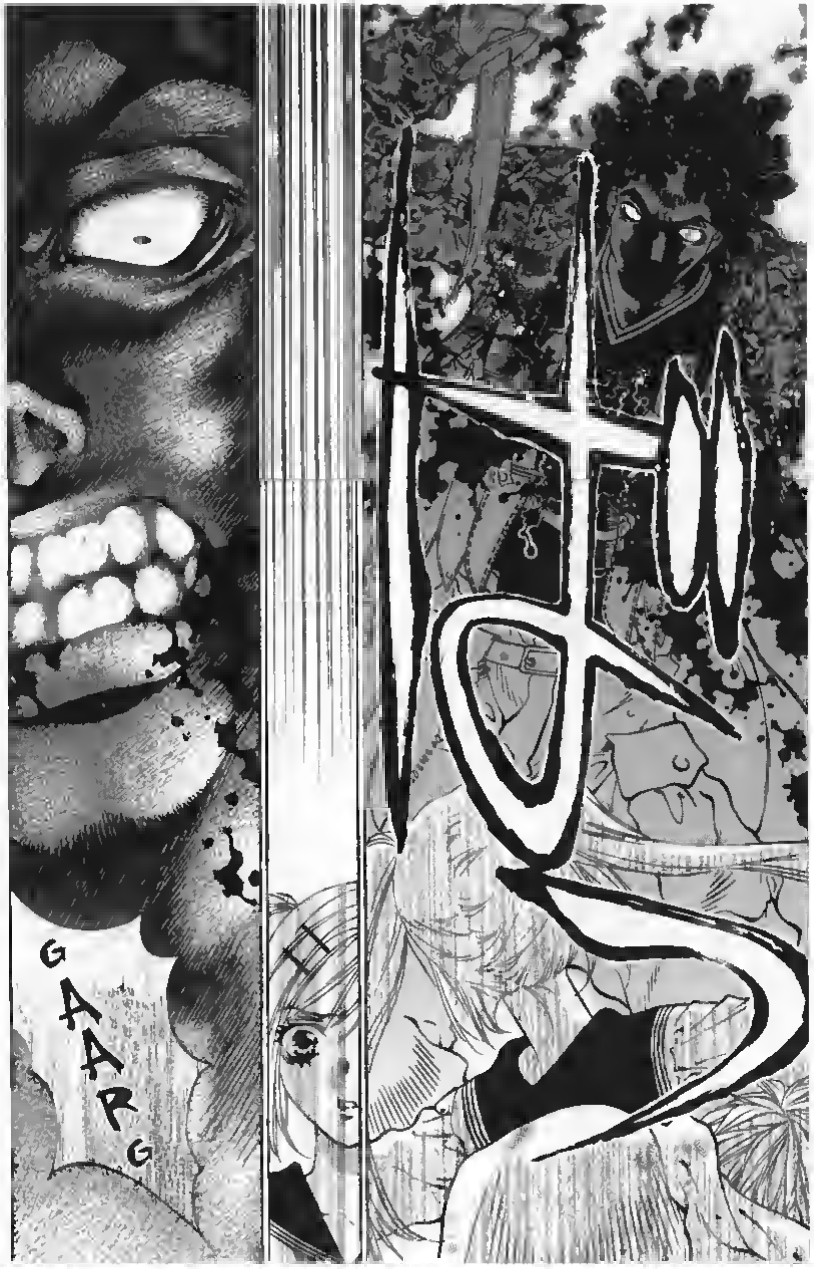
A LIFE FOR A LIFE.
A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.
AN EYE FOR AN EYE.
BUT I MADE UP MY MIND. NO FORGIVENESS.
AND A CURSE THAT WE BOTH CAN SHARE!
A-ALL I EVER TRIED TO DO WAS REVERSE SPELLS THAT CAUSE PEOPLE PAIN. TO HELP PEOPLE!

ALL RIGHT... FINE. THEN ANSWER ME THIS..
WASN'T IT YOU WHO PUT THAT CURSE ON THOSE OTHER THREE?
YOU SAID YOU ONLY USE BLACK MAGIC TO HELP PEOPLE.

THEY DON'T HELP ANYBODY! THEY CAN'T HELP ANYBODY!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
NO! NO!
SPELLS AREN'T LIKE THAT... SPELLS ONLY INCREASE SADNESS, CAUSE MORE SUFFERING, ANOTHER FAMILY TO GRIEVE...!
SPELLS DON'T SOLVE PROBLEMS!

IT...IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD FIGHT BACK!!
HOW DID YOU HELP THOSE POOR JERKS?!

HOW DID THAT...DID I DO THAT?
I AM A WITCH? AN INVINCIBLE WITCH?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HEH.
HEH.
HEH.

COME ON, MAHIRO LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE!
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OR DID RINKO KISARAGI DO THIS?

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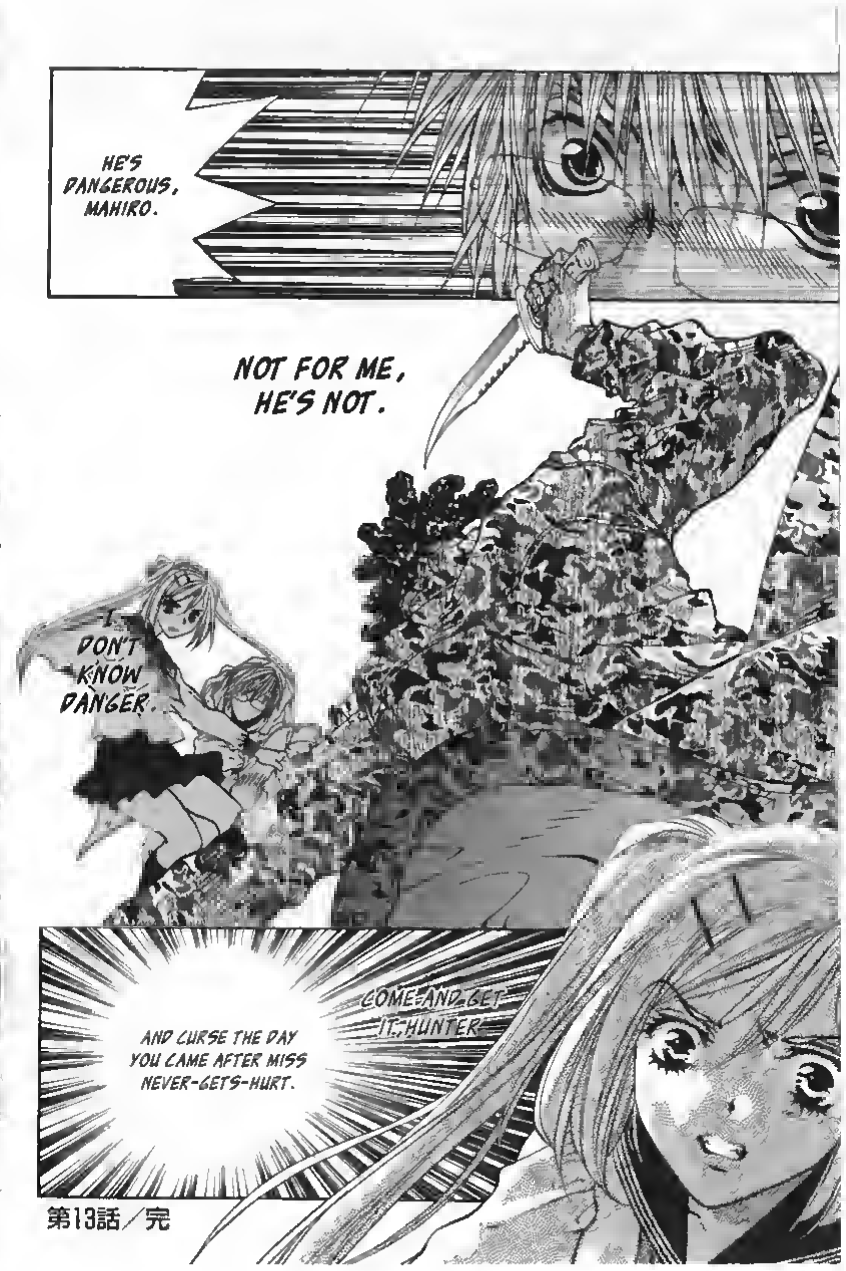
worst plan


HE'S DANGEROUS, MAHIRO.
NOT FOR ME, HE'S NOT.
I DON'T KNOW DANGER.
COME AND GET IT, HUNTER
AND CURSE THE DAY YOU CAME AFTER MISS NEVER-GETS-HURT.

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, OKAY? GET BACK!
NOBODY
MAHIRO! NO!!
NO ONE CAN EVER HURT ME.

ETERNAL, ALWAYS SURVIVING DESTRUCTION. JUST LIKE A TRUE WITCH.
INSECTS. THE HARDIEST SURVIVORS OF EARTH AND WIND, FIRE AND WATER.
KWAF!
KURF!
THAT'S THE POWER OF AN INVINCIBLE WITCH.

BUT I'M ALL RIGHT WITH IT NOW.
MAHIRO...!
GO ON, TRY TO HURT ME!!
LUCK!

IT RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS
IT'S MY NATURE, YOU SEE
THE CURSE OF THE INVINCIBLE WITCH IS A SAD ONE.
ALL I CAN DO IS STAND AND WATCH.
WHILE OTHERS FALL BEFORE MY MAGIC
FATE

AH!
QUICK! THIS WAY!
NAGISA!!
MOVE! NOW!

NAGISA!!
NAGISA!!
DON'T SPLIT UP! YOU TWO MUSTN'T SPLIT UP!
NAGISA FELL! SOMEONE HELP HER!
NO, YOU MUSTN'T!
I'LL GO BACK FOR HER! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE— FAST!

I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU A CHANCE COME ON AND WORK YOUR BLACK MAGIC ONCE MORE.
CURSE ME. CURSING'S YOUR LAST WEAPON, RIGHT?
OH, BUT DON'T WORRY.
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU WITH THIS
I JUST NEED TO CUT A SMALL PART. FOR MY OWN VOODOO YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD AS IT TRULY IS.
YOU AND I ARE THE SAME NOW, SEE?

HE'S THE WORST KIND OF HUNTER, AND I HAVE TO—!!
USING THE POWER FOR KILLING AND VENGEANCE
EVEN IF THIS IS ALL A MISUNDER-STANDING...
IF I CAN JUST REACH HIM, JUST A HAIR ON HIS HEAD.
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SEAL OF MIST AND CLOUDS HERE HOLD!!

VERY SOON, SPELL-WORKER, WE'LL SEE EYE-TO-EYE AT LAST.

I REALLY WILL.
DON'T YOU TWO WORRY, I'LL KILL HER!
JUST WATCH, I'LL KILL HER.

AKIO . ?
YORIKO...?

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OH ISN'T BABY CUTE?
YOU'RE A...
WHAT THE— WHERE AM I? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?
WHAT DO I DO?
pant
pant
gasp!
I WANT TO LIVE!!
I WANT TO LIVE AND GO HOME!
HEAR ME, ALL THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE EXALTED GODS OF THE GREAT GREEN WORLD! ALL THIRTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE SPIRITS OF THE RIVERS!

NO!
N-NO!
NOOOOOOOO!!!
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
BUT HE'S ALSO A KILLER.
HE'S A FELLOW SPELL-CASTER
END IT FOR THE POOR MAN...IS THAT THE ONLY WAY?

"THE WIND THAT BLOWS FORTH ALSO BLOWS BACK."
IF I USE THE POWER TO SEND HIM TO HIS GRAVE
OLD SAYING FROM THE BOOK OF THE EARTH
EVERY CURSE LEAVES TWO HOLES!
WHEN THE PENDULUM SWINGS BACK IT MAY TAKE ME AS WELL
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO LET THE MOUNTAIN GODS THROUGH!
PLEASE LET MY HUMBLE SELF BE THE VESSEL FOR YOUR JOURNEY!
PLEASE, MIGHTY DEITIES, I BESEECH YOU
FOR JUST ONE SHORT MOMENT, COME TO MY AID.
THAT'S THE BEST I CAN DO. SOME MAY COME, THE RIGHT ONES, I HOPE.
GREAT GRANDFATHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS OF THE DEEP FOREST, NINE THOUSAND IN ALL...HIGH MOUNTAIN DEITIES!
OF IZANAGI SCHOOL, FROM THE BOOKS OF THE EARTH, I SUMMON YOUR MOUNTAIN GODS!
ALL RULERS OF THE MIGHTY MOUNTAIN KINGDOMS, HEAR MY CALL! ALL MIGHTY WICCAN FORCES NOW ARISE!
THE SIXTH ASPECT AND THE EIGHTH ASPECT AND THE NINTH ASPECT, THE MIGHTIEST POWERS UNDER HEAVEN AND ON EARTH
I HOPE I HAVEN'T OVERDONE IT. THE TRUEST GOD'S MIGHT NOT SHOW UP.

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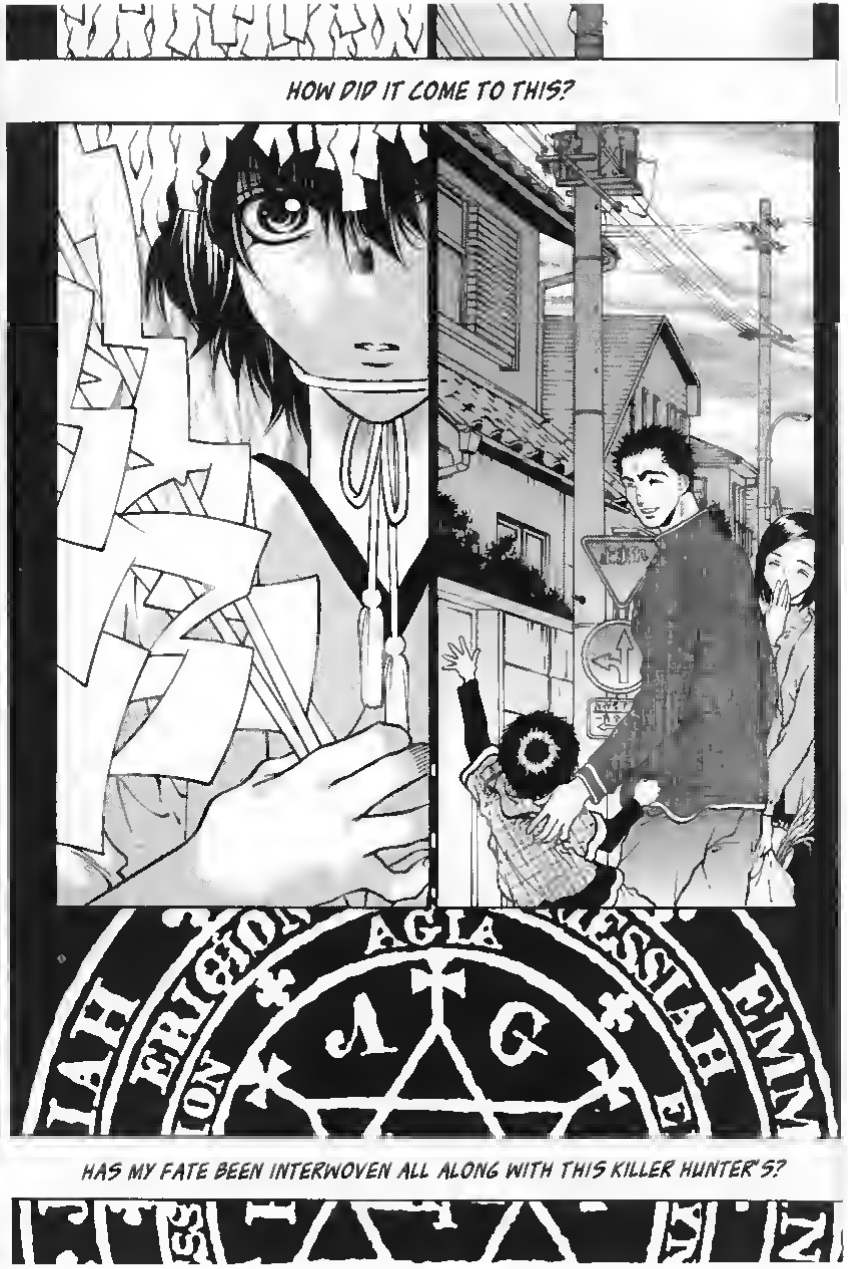
NOW NOW, ALL I WANTED WAS A FINGER, NOT FOR YOU TO BLEED TO DEATH. IT ISN'T TIME YET.


HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?
HAS MY FATE BEEN INTERWOVEN ALL ALONG WITH THIS KILLER HUNTER'S?

AND IT HAS TO BE MORE REPULSIVE THAN WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT SAKANA! BRAT.
Ugh!
Oooo!!
pant
pant
THAT SON OF A...
groan
moan
JUST DON'T SNEAK OFF AND DIE ON ME. WE STILL HAVE A DATE, YOU AND I.
YOU THINK THAT'S PAIN? YOU DON'T KNOW PAIN
YOU NEED TO SUFFER MORE THAN MY WIFE
GO HARDER THAN MY SON
BUT HOW TO PREPARE? WHAT SPELL SHOULD I CAST?

"DON'T LET HER DIE."
"HELP, MY MOMMY."
"I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THOSE WHO PUT CURSES ON OTHERS."
NO GOOD! THERE'S TOO MUCH SPITE. THIS ISN'T SELF-DEFENSE ANYMORE.
I'M MIXED UP WITH EVIL. GOT TO MAKE IT PROPER AND PURE.
BUT IT HURTS SO MUCH!
MY WHOLE BODY HURTS!
CAN'T STAND IT!
IT'S KILLING ME!
ON FURIOUS WINDS AND DARKENING DUST STORM, MAKE KNOWN YOUR PRESENCE FROM HEAVEN'S HEIGHTS TO EARTHLY DEPTHS! COME NOW, COME NOW, COME NOW!
STEP INTO ME, O LEADERS OF THE LAND!
MOUNTAIN GODS OF THE ANCIENT HALLS, ALL GREAT AND MIGHTY, COME TO ME NOW! COME THROUGH ME NOW!
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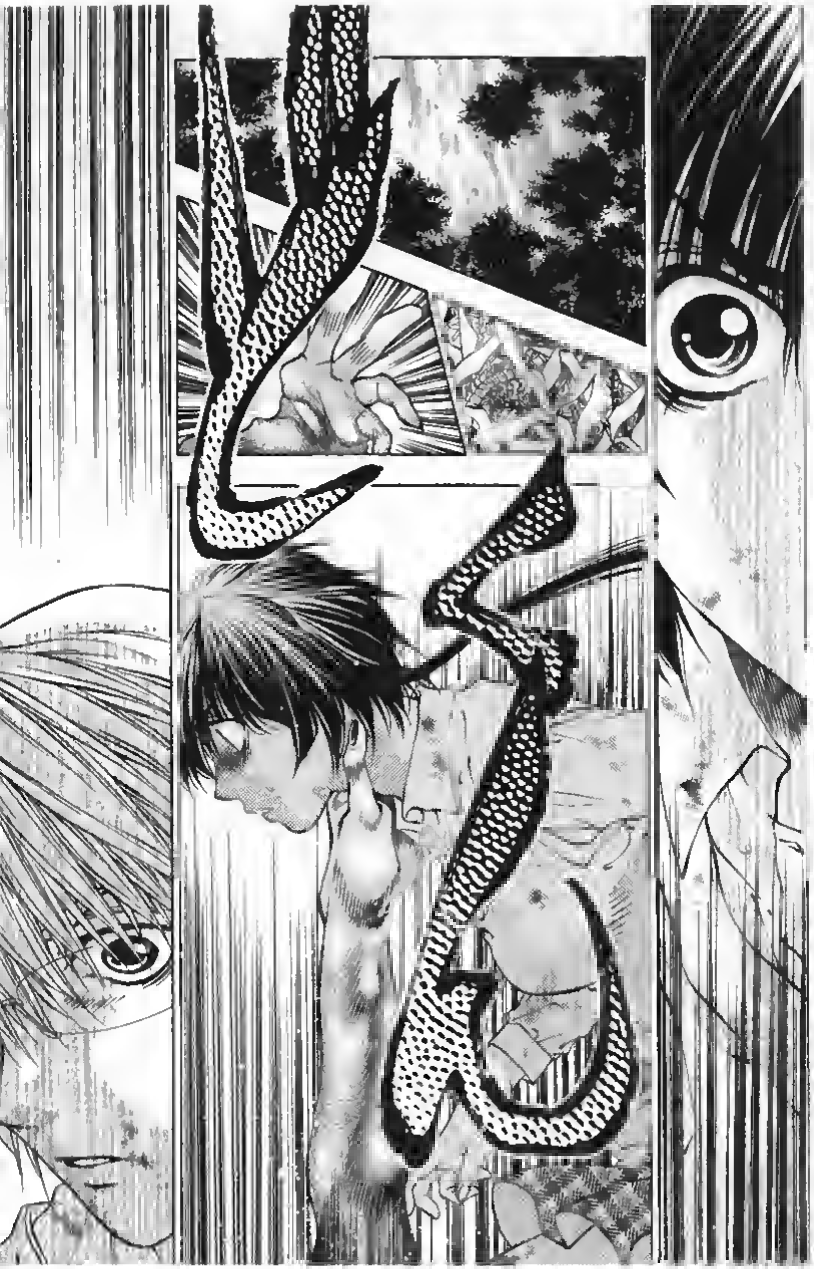
JOIN WITH ME NOW, GREAT GODS OF THE MOUNTAIN.
AND TAKE HIM, THAT ONE THERE, WITH HURRY AND WITH HASTE!



PRAYERS FOR
DESTRUCTION
Misuse Abuse
THE EYES ONCE OPENED CAN NEVER BE CLOSED.
THE FOOT ONCE RAISED CAN NEVER BE LOWERED.
THE WORDS ONCE SPOKEN CANNOT BE UNSAID.

THAT PATTERN. I'VE GOT ONE JUST LIKE IT.
IT'S A TATTOO, NOT A BRAND OR A BRUISE
A WITCH'S TALISMAN. EVERY TIME YOU USE YOUR POWERS THEY FADE.
WHAT INJURY?
MY WOUND'S COMPLETELY GONE. SEE? INVOKED THE SECOND POWER OF THE MARS SIGIL AND WHEN I DID, THE MARK WENT AWAY.

THAT WAS A CRY OF PAIN!
NO, YOU CAN'T MOVE YET. YOUR INJURY ..
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HOW MANY OF THOSE DAMN HUNTERS ARE STILL OUT THERE?!
THERE'S BLOOD ON HIM!

WHO DO YOU FIND TO DRAW THOSE THINGS ON?
MY MOM. SHE GAVE ME ONE ON EVERY BIRTHDAY.
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAKOTO."
I'VE GOT MUCH LESS NOW...
...THAN THERE USED TO BE.
"THIS ONE'S FOR THE SECOND POWER OF THE MARS SIGIL. TO HEAL YOUR BODY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS."
"AND NEXT YEAR I'LL GIVE YOU THE FIFTH SIGIL."
"THEN THE SEVENTH SIGIL OF THE SUN."
THE FOURTH SIGIL OF SATURN...
...HASTENS THE JOURNEY OF ENEMIES TO THE UNDERWORLD, PROTECTING FROM THE GREAT BEYOND.
SHE WAS STILL SO YOUNG.
THE LAST ONE SHE GIVE ME WAS THE FOURTH SIGIL OF SATURN TWO YEARS AGO. THEN SHE LEFT US, REST HER SOUL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME NOW?
IF IT LOOKS LIKE A WITCH AND WALKS LIKE A WITCH...?

MUSTN'T SPLIT UP. THAT'S WHAT CHIAKI SAID.
I...
I'M .
HMP NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH ME
I'VE BEEN INVINCIBLE AND UNTOUCHABLE.
IF I CAN HELP YOU IN ANY WAY...
I'LL ALWAYS BE NEXT TO YOU.

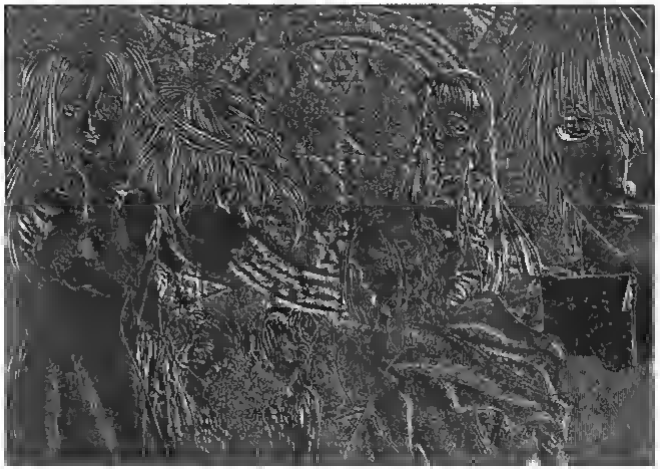
NO! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU!
HEY, HOLD ON...
squeeze
I'M HERE WITH YOU!
EVEN IF THEY SAY YOU ARE A WITCH, IT DOESN'T MATTER!

A MEDIUM!!
SPEAK TO THEM?
SHE CAN SPEAK TO DEAD PEOPLE.
SO CAN YOU TALK TO CHIAKI, THEN?!
I DON'T KNOW, I CAN'T SEE! I CAN ONLY HEAR!
WHERE IS SHE? DESCRIBE THE PLACE!
SHE NEEDS ME NEXT TO HER TO HEAR.
OUR SENSES WORK TOGETHER! I NEED NAGISA NEXT TO ME TO SEE
I'VE GOT TO GO BACK FOR NAGISA.
LET ME GO! I HAVE TO! YOU DON'T KNOW!
WAIT, YUNAGI, YOU CAN'T!
CHIAKI KIRIYU SEES THE FUTURE! SHE TOLD ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT IF SHE'S GONE... HOW CAN YOU...?
IF SHE WAS STILL ALIVE SHE'D HAVE GOTTEN US ALL AWAY FROM THOSE HUNTERS!

DON'T YOU THINK?
ALL THE BRUTES AND KILLERS AND MONSTERS WE'VE SEEN UP HERE.
THE ONLY ONES I'M NOT AFRAID OF ARE THOSE WHO'VE ALREADY DIED.

AND CHIAKI ISN'T HERE.
SHE MUST BE WITH NAGISA NOW.
BUT WITHOUT ME THERE, NAGISA WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT SHE'S SAYING.
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF THE DEAD, THEN, I TAKE IT?
I'M NOT. THE SCARY ONES ARE THOSE STILL LIVING.

I GUESS WE'RE ALL TRUE WITCHES, THEN.
pant
pant
pant
pant
AND YET... I FEEL IT! THEY'VE COME!
RECKLESS... EVEN MY STUPID EMPEROR'S GONE
DARKENING MY SOUL NOTHING TO OFFER THE EARTH GODS
THEY'RE HERE! COME, ENTER ME, MOUNTAIN DEITIES! USE MY BODY, I BESEECH YOU, TO—
AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!



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